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CITY POLITICIANS ARE GETTING BUSY

Election to be Held April 1 Will Probably be Three-Cornered Contest

PROGRESSIVES ARE IN FIELD

Prohibition Fight May be Waged to Make Deming a Dry Community

MEMBERS OF BOARD ARE CANDIDATES

The following are the members of the board of trustees of Deming:
John Corbett, mayor; Sigmund Lindauer, Julius Rosch, Herbert D. Green and C. J. Kelly.

The coming election of city officers scheduled for April 1 has begun to agitate the public interest and to excite the local politicians to whispered conferences and guarded interviews. Bits of crumpled paper with the names of possible candidates are being surreptitiously passed from hand to hand and the words "slate," "prohibition," "progressive," "moss-backs," "business," and "whisky" give to the outsider no clue to hidden meanings.

OLD BOARD WILL RUN

One thing is clear: The present members of the board of trustees will again be candidates on a platform which they declare to be the only one which will guarantee a safe and sane business administration of city affairs. While prohibition has not been made an issue this year it is always a possible one and the present board unhesitatingly declare for regulated and licensed saloons. The main reason advanced is that the present taxes of the city would be today inadequate for paying the expenses of the city administration.

MAXIMUM TAXATION

The present rate of taxation is now the maximum of ten mills allowed under the city's charter. This produces about \$4,500. The fixed charges or "overhead" expenses are about \$5,400, not counting funds expended for improvements. The revenue from the tax of six saloons is now \$2,700, and the present administration maintains that this sum alone keeps the city from a deficit. So far as the red light is concerned, the present administration has collected nothing and has only recognized it for the purposes of police regulation. The members of the board do not defend the saloon on moral grounds, but individually many of them believe in regulation as being more effective than prohibition.

OPPOSITION TICKET

It is understood, though no statement for publication has been made, that the prohibition element of the city will place an opposition ticket in the field. Their fight, if made, will be on moral more especially than on economic grounds, though leaders of this faith do not hesitate to point out many cities which exist and prosper without the aid of saloon money. The issue was most emphatically defeated at the last election, but its strength seems rather to have grown than diminished and it is not at all unlikely that it will again become the cause of contention.

THIRD TICKET?

There seems to be a movement on foot to place a third ticket in the running, though nothing definite has been allowed to find its way to the reportorial ear. A hustling western city like Deming is bound to contain a progressive element that finds little satisfaction in the conservatism of the present order of things. This element demands more public improvements in the way of parks, sidewalks, street care and other ambitious enterprises. It cares nothing for the so-called moral issues and asks only that revenue be provided for improving the city. No doubt the next few days will see the issues of the coming election more clearly drawn between the contending factions. It is hoped by many whose interest in the matter is quite unselfish that the election will not be made a reef on which to wreck the bark of harmony that has done so much toward carrying Deming to the goal of golden possibilities.

John Warren has been appointed night marshal.

MUCH DEVELOPMENT IS NOW GOING ON

Small Owners as Well as Larger Operators are Reclaiming Mimbres Valley Land

SHALLOW WATER NEAR CARNE

Miesse Well Drillers Find 99.99 Pure Under Fifty Feet on 10,000 Acre Tract of Land

It doesn't take the eye of a prophet to see that the Mimbres Valley is now on the last lap of its race for agricultural development. The Rio Mimbres Irrigation Company has about completed its plan to place the Fisher-Spaulling tract under irrigation; in fact, the work on the wells is already under way. Water on this latter tract was found under fifty feet in a water bearing gravel stratum of considerable extent. This assures the reclamation of the whole of the 10,000 acres. C. E. Miesse, who controls this land, is expected in Deming in a short time with buyers.

INDIVIDUALS TOO

It is not only the larger developers, however, who are doing things, but the homesteaders and individual owners as well. Scattering reports of development now going on in addition to that previously reported are as follows:

DEVELOPMENT NOTES

Dr. F. D. Vickers is installing a bucket pump in the well on his place, seven miles south of the city, which will lift about 600 gallons of water per minute. He has twenty acres of land cleared.

H. H. Jacobs is installing a bucket pump in the well on his property, west of here, which will develop about 600 gallons of water per minute. He expects to cultivate about 100 acres of land this season.

E. D. Osborn, living twelve miles south of the city, is installing a 500-gallon-per-minute plant with which he will irrigate forty acres of land.

David Langston, five miles west of Hondale, is installing a 400-gallon pumping plant with which to cultivate twenty acres.

E. E. Dawes, three and one-half miles west of Hondale, is installing a pumping plant which will develop 1,000 gallons of water per minute. He will cultivate eighty acres.

ALABAMA MINSTRELS

The Alabama Minstrels, who appeared at the Crystal Theater Wednesday evening, were greatly appreciated by those who attended. The show is one of the brightest and cleanest on the road and is welcomed every year by Deming citizens. The performance is pure fun all the way through and without that suggestiveness which many confuse with comedy.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services both morning and evening. Morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7:30; Sunday School at 9:45. Special—The Annual Praise Service of the Women's Missionary Society will be held Sunday evening at 7:30. A splendid program of special music will be rendered. All are cordially invited.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. E. B. Atwood of Albuquerque, corresponding secretary of New Mexico, will preach at the Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Atwood is one of the strongest preachers in the West and all members, as well as the public in general, are urged to be present to enjoy this unusual treat.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Everybody welcome.

We may live without conscience and live without heart;

We may live without poetry, music and art;

We may live without friends, we may live without fads,

But business today cannot live without ads.

Mrs. Venable of Silver City, Mrs. Tinsley of Albuquerque, and Mrs. Crowell of Los Angeles, California, have been visiting Miss Elizabeth Waddill for the past week.

DEMING'S PARK IS NOW REALITY

Pump House on Island Surrounded by Water of Eighty-Foot Lake, is Plan

WORK WILL SOON COMMENCE

Funds Were Appropriated Tuesday by Directors of Chamber of Commerce

Deming's long promised park is at last to be a reality. At the meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon the city's share of the expenses was assured and the park committee directed to begin work at once. The railroad has promised to put in cement walks and to seed the plot adjacent to the depot down to grass and to set out shrubbery. It is reported that this part of the work is now under way.

DETAILS OF PLAN

The plans drawn by the Federal Light and Traction Company of New York City have been accepted. They call for a pump house of concrete placed on a small island in the midst of an 80-foot lake and reached by two small ornamental concrete bridges. An ornate gateway and fence of the same material will surround the pump house. Electric lights will illuminate the grounds and building and bulbs will be placed at intervals under the water. When completed the Southern Pacific Railroad Company agrees to keep the grounds in the best of condition. The Deming Ice and Electric Company will take all surplus water and convey it to the plant north of the tracks.

GOOD ADVERTISING

No better advertisement of the city could be devised than the park which is now assured. Artistic in every detail the effect on the visitor will be alluring in the extreme.

COLUMBUS

H. P. Hanson went to El Paso last week.

F. S. Michels of Lola was S. C. Pierce's guest Sunday.

R. E. Sisco was an El Paso visitor last week.

T. L. Orr is having a well dug on his place north of town.

Lloyd Bain is digging a well on the Dr. C. E. Ellard place, north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Hampton and family spent Sunday with Mrs. James Durham.

Mrs. Charles Heath and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. Heath on their place, northeast of town.

Miss Bain, who has been in Deming for the past two weeks, has returned to her home in Sunny Side.

Clarence H. Hon has been on the sick list for the past week.

P. H. Williams of Hurley was in the city this morning, en route for El Paso.

Mrs. Henry Raitel departed this morning for Silver City, where she will visit her parents.

W. J. Cox, the cattleman, of El Paso left the city this morning for his home.

J. C. Dolan of Flagstaff, Arizona, is in the city visiting A. J. Clark. Mr. Dolan probably will be here until Sunday.

A baby girl was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Biggs. The family are temporarily residing in Deming, being at home in Cambray.

Lieutenant W. H. Neill, U. S. A., stationed at Hachita, and Leroy O. Moore, Assistant United States Attorney with offices in Santa Fe, were here Saturday to attend the hearing of the three men accused of stealing Government property. The hearing was postponed until next Monday.

Merlin Bixler returned yesterday with his father from Great Bend, Kansas, after having been operated upon for appendicitis. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is convalescing and we all hope he will be entirely restored to health soon.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT TICKET IN RUNNING

Caucus Held Yesterday Afternoon in Office of Dr. P. M. Steed Names Candidates

"FOR A CLEANER DEMING"

H. H. Kelly, M. A. Nordhaus, Lee O. Lester, B. Y. McKeyes and J. M. McTeer

CANDIDATES ARE CHOSEN AT CAUCUS

The following are the candidates placed in the field to run on the Civic Improvement ticket:

H. H. Kelly, M. A. Nordhaus, Lee O. Lester, B. Y. McKeyes and J. M. McTeer.

At a caucus held yesterday afternoon at the office of Dr. P. M. Steed, H. H. Kelly, M. A. Nordhaus, Lee O. Lester, B. Y. McKeyes and J. M. McTeer were named as candidates to run on the Civic Improvement ticket. Contrary to expectation, prohibition is not to be an issue in the coming election which will be held April 1. When it was known that the members of present board of trustees would be candidates for reelection the opposition forces, consisting of the younger element of the city, met in caucus and placed the candidates given above before the citizens of Deming.

"A CLEANER DEMING"

The slogan of the Civic Improvement party will be "A Cleaner Deming." In explanation of this the leaders of the party set forth that they are in favor of an administration which will keep the streets of the city clean, collect the dog tax, grub vagrant lots, grade and oil the thoroughfares, give more efficient police protection, place waste boxes at the street corners, encourage tree and grass planting, create a park system and maintain a rock pile and chain gang to utilize the labor of tramps.

POPULAR ADMINISTRATION

The new party leaders assert that the present income of the city, if properly expended, is sufficient to meet the demands of the improvements suggested without further taxation, though the candidates assert that they will yield to a popular demand for a more comprehensive scheme of improvements even if the city must be bonded for the purpose. In other words, the new party expects to yield each and every question to the people for final adjudication.

THE ISSUE

The placing in the field of the new party draws the issue of the coming election clearly between the conservatives, who are now in power, and the progressives, who demand that the city trustees lay more stress on the improving of such property as the city controls. At the caucus yesterday there was much said about the nuisance of untaxed dogs, unworked "hobo" streets, unsatisfactory policing, unsanitary parking and other "uns" too numerous to mention.

THE MISSOURI GIRL

Those who failed to see the Missouri Girl last night missed one of the best shows of its class that has been seen in Deming this season. Some good musical take-offs, and jokes sprinkled in, formed no small part of the entertainment. The plot points out a good moral lesson. Showing the consequences of which all ways follow when you persist in fast living in bad company, disregarding the advice of those most dear who can see what you are headed for and are anxious to check you before it is too late, the company deserves lots of credit for the way in which they handle both comedy and drama almost in the same breath. Should the company ever return, a full house will surely be theirs, as all those who saw the show last night praise it highly.

Destroying Sign Boards

There has been considerable damage to the sign posts along the public highways. Thoughtless persons, if a more harsh name is not applicable, should remember that this is an offense punishable by fine and imprisonment.

HOLDING NIGHT SESSIONS NOW

New Mexico Legislature Will End Its Sessions in Santa Fe at Noon Today

BILLS BEING RUSHED THROUGH

Governor W. C. McDonald Has Won Fight Over County Salaries With Legislators

The passage by the House and Senate of the State Legislature of appropriation bills, each differing in essential appropriations, thus making necessary the naming of a joint conference committee to reconcile them; the decision in caucus to pass a local option liquor law in lieu of submitting a constitutional amendment for State wide prohibition, the passage of a bill to revise the taxation system of the State and the defeat of the two-cent fare and full railroad crew bills featured Wednesday's sessions of the Legislature.

It was discovered today that the promise bills providing salaries for county officers and district attorneys will be passed, which will be signed by the Governor, who has won his fight against what he believes to be "excessive salaries."

It was discovered yesterday that the Legislature must adjourn today noon under the Constitution, hence night sessions of both houses were held Wednesday night to clean the heavily laden calendars.

COUNTY OPTION BILL

The Senate yesterday morning passed the county option bill which provides the County Commissioners may call an election on petition of twenty-five per cent of the voters in any district within a county. This measure was introduced late Wednesday in place of the State wide prohibition amendment advocated by the temperance forces. It will pass the House tonight.

The Governor vetoed the bill allowing County Commissioners to use county monies in the bridge building fund.

The Republican leaders are seeking to effect a compromise on a

any bill and reach an agreement on an appropriation bill. It now seems apparent that the determination to abolish the State Police and the Bureau of Immigration by failing to make an appropriation will be persisted in to the end.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY BILL

Early in the session the speaker called Tombs to the chair and received unanimous consent to introduce a new district attorney bill. This measure provides for a maximum salary of \$3,000 to attorneys in the larger districts. This is for the district attorney himself. The question of the appointment of an assistant is left to the Judge of the district and a provision is made that no assistant shall be appointed unless he is deemed necessary. The salaries for assistant are graded according to the size of the district and range from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

The House passed the bill distributing the fire insurance protection money, a replica of that introduced in the Senate Tuesday.

TEACHERS' SCHOLARSHIPS

The student-teachers' scholarship act was passed. This creates places for thirty teacher to receive instruction and maintenance at State expense at the New Mexico Normal University for one scholastic year. It is designed to increase the efficiency of the rural teachers.

If the Senate concurs in the action taken by the House Tuesday it will hereafter be unlawful for a woman to work more than eight hours a day in any factory, restaurant, laundry or other place in which women are employed. Speaker Baer's bill limiting the hours of labor for women and children, having been given an unanimous vote.

One of the most important measures considered by the lower body yesterday was the act for the codification and revision of the laws of the State. This measure provides that this work shall be done under the direction of the Attorney General.

Two baby girls were welcomed to Deming last Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. P. Valverde. Mr. Valverde is an employee at the Mahoney store.

LUMBERMEN MET LAST WEDNESDAY

F. L. Austin of Roswell Was Selected Head of New Mexico and Arizona Association

BUSH RETIRING PRESIDENT

Benjamin Titus is Called Nestor of Southwestern Lumbermen by Reporters

F. L. Austin of Roswell, N. M., was elected president of the Lumbermen's Association of Arizona and New Mexico; El Paso was selected for the 1914 meeting place; R. A. Whitlock of El Paso was re-elected secretary and treasurer; W. L. Foxworth of El Paso was elected vice president, and the ninth annual meeting adjourned at noon Wednesday, after the best meeting the association has ever held.

DIRECTORS NAMED

The closing business of the meeting was the election of officers, and F. L. Austin was unanimously chosen to head the association for the next year. The directors for Texas named were R. W. Long and George Evans of El Paso. The directors for New Mexico are H. G. Bush of Deming and G. W. Frenger of Las Cruces. The Arizona directors are Albert Stacy and J. C. Dolan of Douglas. The date for the 1914 meeting will be March 10.

BUSH HAS HOBBIES

H. G. Bush, president of the association, has two hobbies. One is automobiles and the other diamonds. He has a plentiful supply of both. He drove over from Deming in his Studebaker car and left his Kissel car at home. He brought his family along, also his diamonds, which he wears in his tie, on his fingers and a few extra ones around his neck in a little chamois pouch.

Bill Black of Dallas has been promoted since he was here at the last lumbermen's convention. He is now secretary of the Norris Lumber Company of Dallas and does not travel as much as he used to. Bill owns a black land farm, on which he raises F and China pigs and considerable disturbance. He attends all the lumbermen's conventions and brings a bunch of new stories along.

Benjamin Titus of Deming is the nestor of the southwestern lumbermen. He attends all of the meetings of the association and is as much interested in the doings of the New Mexico and Arizona association as he is in the shrine. Mr. Titus is a director in the Randolph lines and a pioneer resident of New Mexico.

THOSE WHO ATTENDED

The out-of-town lumbermen who attended the convention are: Benjamin Titus, Deming; J. B. Schurtz, Deming; F. M. Pennington, Columbus; F. L. Austin, Roswell; J. J. Knox, Columbus, Ohio; J. R. Livesay, Anthony; W. E. Black, Houston, Texas; Albert Stacy, Douglas, Arizona; H. G. Bush, Deming; G. W. Fenger, Las Cruces; F. H. Haner, Las Cruces, and F. L. Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas.

The El Paso members of the association attending the meeting were: R. Lander, C. L. Sirmans, E. G. Perry, R. A. Whitlock, E. A. Henning, George Evans, S. R. Jennings, C. S. Woodworth, I. A. Shedd and R. E. Hines.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Dr. Milford gave us a most interesting and inspiring talk at assembly Wednesday morning. We are greatly indebted to him for his timely words of counsel.

"Mumps" is the word! It has attained phenomenal popularity among the student body. Especially among the grades have the ranks contributed most perceptibly to this "swell affair."

The faculty and Freshman Class will unite in a game of baseball, having as its opponents the rest of the school. The game will be played Friday afternoon. All-star batteries will be the feature of the game. Come!

Thursday morning the Juniors' time came to give a program, and the boys responded with a minstrel performance. All were delighted with their most creditable work, which afforded a solid half hour of fun. It has been unanimously pronounced "the one best yet."